

Roxbury, Jan. 25, 1867.

My dear Johnson:

I am much obliged to you for sending me the approving extract from Theodore's letter: it is all that can be reasonably asked or desired. (I shall be entirely at ease in my mind about writing for the Independent, if you and Theodore will not allow me to crowd others out, and will be sure to publish only such articles of mine as may <sup>be</sup> deemed worth it, without any regard to personal consideration. Moreover, I have such an appreciation of your critical judgment, ~~that~~ it will oblige me if you will at any time change one word or phrase for another where the sentiment will not be changed or impaired.) And this recalls what I wrote yesterday in regard to the epithet, "devilish trick." That is the old blunt Miltonic way of using words de-



scriptively; but in our day the term "devilish" is so flippantly used, - as e.g. "devilish good," "devilish bad," "devilish smart," &c., &c., - it has perhaps ceased to be forcible. I suggested "fiendish" in its stead. Perhaps "scurvy," or "scurrilous," or "knavish," would be preferable to either. Decide for me.

Theodore must have <sup>had</sup> a good time and done a good work for freedom and humanity (as well as met with large pecuniary success) by his numerous lectures at the West. He will be lucky indeed if he returns home without any injury to his lungs or general health. Fortunately, he speaks naturally and with almost conversational ease, and therefore will not be so likely to break down, though his appointments are almost fearfully numerous and consecutive. His exposure of Crosby at Chicago, in regard to the exclusion of Mrs. Jones and Mrs. De Mortie from the Opera House, was as nobly characteristic as his decision was triumphant.



Last evening the "Subscription Festival" came off as usual, but with what result I have not heard. To-day is the annual meeting of the Massachusetts A. S. Society. Of course, I shall not be present.

Yesterday forenoon, Mr. Phillips appeared before the Legislative Committee to whom was referred the Constitutional Amendment, and argued against its adoption as "a swindle," notwithstanding its unanimous adoption by fifteen loyal States, with the exception of the Copperhead members. I do not think the Massachusetts Legislature will be disposed to follow his advice, though he may influence some votes. I have regretted that Theodore has seconded P's opposition to that Amendment to the full extent, and with the same sweeping impeachment of Congress. Can that be "a swindle," which Rebels and Copperheads abhor and oppose?

Ever faithfully yours,  
W. L. G.



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Dear Theodore,  
Here is Garrison's  
letter replying to one  
from me, in which  
I transcribed ~~for~~ <sup>the</sup>  
~~his~~ sentence or two  
referring to him in  
your last letter. I  
am sure you will  
be glad to see it.  
Pray return it  
to me.

Yours, lovingly,  
J. F.